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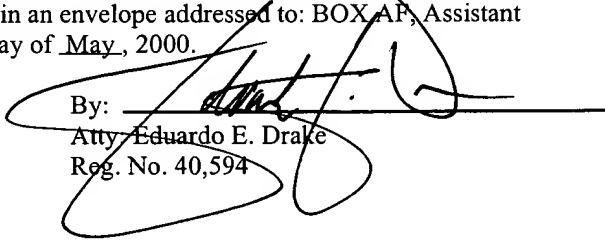
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Applicant has reviewed the Office Action mailed February 17, 2000.

REMARKS

Response to Rejections Based on Hoff

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-13, 15, 17, 21 and 24-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,467,197 (Hoff) and claims 7, 16 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Hoff in view of U.S. Patent 5,047,867 (Strubbe.)

Claims 1-10 and 21 require "scheduling a data recording for the recording device; 2) receiving user input at least partially determinative of a recording reminder time for the scheduled data recording; and outputting a recording reminder signal at a time based on the recording reminder time." In contrast, Hoff reports methods concerning VCR clock synchronization, VCR recording of pager messages, and VCR programming via telephone. Thus, Hoff reports activity related to the first required act of "scheduling data recordings." See, for example, column 9, lines 16-45, which the Examiner cites as supporting the rejection. Hoff, however, says nothing about the second and third acts of receiving user input for a recording reminder signal and outputting a recording reminder signal at a time based on the recording reminder. Indeed, Hoff has nothing at all that allows users to program a reminder for its scheduled recordings.

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